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SUBJECT:FINAL OUT-PROCESSING PROCEDURES FOR CAMP ASAN

REPATRIATES: PRELIMINARY SCENARIO

FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED HEREIN IS DESIGNED TO INSURE THAT EACH REFUGEE IS GIVEN THE OPTION TO EMBARK ON THE THUONG TIN I, OR REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE LATTER DOES NOT PRECLUDE FUTURE REPATRIATION UNDER AUSPICES OF THE UNHCR. SINCE REPATRIATES COMING TO THE SHIP FROM OTHER LOCATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE SAME CONSTRAINTS AS THE CAMP ASAN GROUP, THEY WILL NOT FOLLOW THE SAME PRE-EMBARKATION PROCEDURE.

2. THE CAMP ASAN REPATRIATES HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES A VOLATILE GROUP, RESOLUTELY BENT ON RETURNING TO VIETNAM. THE TENSION CREATED BY THEIR DETERMINATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR PROLONGED CONFINEMENT, HAS CAUSED THE LEADERS TO EXACT UNCOMMON SOLIDARITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP. SO LONG
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AS THESE LEADERS SPEAK FOR THE ASAW REFUGEES AS A GROUP, IT

IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSURE THE SINCERITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL'S DECISION TO REPATRIATE. THE FOLLOWING MECHANISM WILL PROVIDE A SAFE "BAIL-OUT" OPTION FOR THOSE WHO MAY SECRETLY WANT TO REMAIN. PROCEDURES FOLLOW:

3. VIETNAMESE REPATRIATES PLANNING TO DEPART ON THE VN THUONG TIN I WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A WAIVER RELEASING THE USG OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE TURNING IN OF THIS WAIVER WILL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE FINAL OUT-PROCESSING PROCEDURE FOR THE REPATRIATES BEFORE EMBARKATION. THE TEXT OF THE WAIVER WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL FOR REPRODUCTION BY POST.

4. 17 TO 24 HOURS BEFORE SAILING, OUT-PROCESSING WILL BEGIN AT CAMP ASAN. THE REPATRIATES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 18 ONE HUNDRED MEMBER BLOCKS AND THE FIRST BLOCK WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO LINE UP AT THE GATE SEPARATING CAMP ASAN FROM THE OLD ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER BUILDING SUBJECT TO ON SITE INSPECTION BY SCC AND OSC COUNSELLING TEAM. REFUGEES BELONGING TO THE OTHER BLOCKS WILL REMAIN IN THEIR BARRACKS UNTIL CALLED FORWARD IN TURN. REFUGEES WILL BE ADMITTED THROUGH THE GATE TO THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SINGLY OR IN FAMILY GROUPS.

5. WITHIN THE LARGE ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WILL SEARCH THE REPATRIATE'S BAGGAGE FOR WEAPONS AND INS OFFICIALS WILL RECOVER THEIR I-94 CARDS. HAVING COMPLETED THESE TWO OPERATIONS, EACH SINGLE REPATRIATE OR REPATRIATE FAMILY WILL BE DIRECTED TO FIVE LINES LEADING OUT OF THE LARGE ROOM. AN OFFICIAL STANDING AT THE HEAD OF EACH LINE WILL PERMIT ONE REPATRIATE OR ONE REPATRIATE FAMILY TO ENTER AN ISOLATED ROOM FOR A "PERSONAL CHECK FOR WEAPONS" AND SIGNING OF WAIVERS.

6. ONCE WITHIN EACH OF THE FIVE ROOMS, THE REFUGEES WILL PASS THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR AND/OR PERSONAL CHECK AND THEN PROCEED TO A DESK MANNED BY A USG OFFICIAL AND NEUTRAL OBSERVER. THE US OFFICIAL WILL COUNSEL REPATRIATES CONCERNING RISKS OF RETURNING VIETNAM VIA THE SHIP WITHOUT THE OFFICIAL SANCTION OF VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES. REPATRIATES WILL BE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE RETURNING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL AND WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING UNDER THE OFFICIAL

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CIAL PROTECTION OF EITHER THE UNHCR OR THE US GOVERNMENT. REPATRIATES WILL BE TOLD THAT IF FOR ANY REASON THEY WISH TO CONSIDER THEIR DECISION, THEY WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. ANY REPATRIATE DESIRING TO EMBARK AFTER THIS COUNSELLING WILL BE ESCORTED BY A US MARSHAL TO DOOR MARKED "A" AT THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING WHERE HE WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE SHIP. IF THE REFUGEE OPTS FOR NOT RETURNING BY SHIP, HE WILL BE ESCORTED TO DOOR

"B" ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND TRANSPORTED TO THE TOKYO HOTEL. IF FOR ANY REASON, A REFUGEE WANTS MORE TIME TO CONSIDER HIS FINAL DECISION, HE WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE STAIRCASE AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING WHERE HE WILL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE UPPER FLOOR FOR REFLECTION.

AFTER MAKING HIS DECISION, HE WILL DESCEND TO THE ATTENDANT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRCASE WHERE HE WILL BE TRANSPORTED EITHER TO THE TOKYO HOTEL OR TO THE SHIP STAGING AREA. ADDITIONAL COUNSELLING WILL BE PROVIDED TO REFUGEES ON THE UPPER FLOOR.

7. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE CAMP ASAN GROUP LEADERS WILL QUESTION THE ABSENCE OF SOME OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP AT THE ASSEMBLY POINT, THEY COULD, IF THEY SO DESIRE, MEET WITH THOSE REFUGEES WHO OPTED TO GO TO THE TOKYO HOTEL TO ESTABLISH THAT COERCION WAS NOT USED.

8. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WORD OF THESE PROCEDURES NOT PASS TO THE ASAN REPATRIATES IN ADVANCE. THE REPATRIATES WILL NOT KNOW OF THE OPTION TO STAY BEHIND UNTIL ACTUALLY IN THE COUNSELLING SESSION.

9. THIS COUNSELLING/OUT-PROCESSING WILL TAKE 17-24 HOURS AND WILL BE DONE JUST BEFORE SAILING.

10. WILL SEND TEXT OF WAIVER BY SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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